

**2022 DISTRICT 24 FALL SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE
TEEN SOFTBALL By-Laws**

1. There will be a joint committee that will govern the program. The committee will be made up of one (1) current Board Member from each participating league. Henceforth, this committee will be known as the **“Softball Interleague”** Committee. The District Staff members, that will oversee this committee for the CA24 District Administrator, Pamela White (pwhite02@msn.com) are Sam McDonald (sammiemcdonald@verizon.net) and Beth Swartz (info@upinstitchesonline.com).
2. The CA24 District Staff will handle all protests **and** all disciplinary issues for the 2022 Softball Interleague season.
- ~~3. CA 24 will provide Participation Medallions to all Softball Interleague player participants.~~
4. All playing rules will be strictly enforced by the **“2022 Official Regulations and Playing Rules for All Divisions of Little League Softball”**.
5. Managers and coaches (inclusive of temporary managers/coaches that are filling in) will NOT be allowed to wear open-toed shoes.
6. The **designated game site** will supply at least **one** (1) umpire for all games.
7. All teams will have a MINIMUM of twelve (12) players on their roster unless they have a waiver from District Administrator, Pamela White.
8. **Home team** will provide the Official Scorekeeper for each game. The **host league** will supply the official scoresheet. The Official Scorekeeper will be placed behind home plate, as close to the home plate umpire as possible. The scorekeeper’s area will be considered the same as the closed dugout. Scorekeepers will not allow themselves to be distracted, as not to follow the events of the game.
9. **At the conclusion of the game**, the official scoresheet will be signed by the home plate umpire **and** both managers. The official scoresheet will be **retained** by the host league for the remainder of the current season, in order to help resolve any disputes that may arise.
- ~~10. The **WINNING** team will email the final scores/game results to sammiemcdonald@verizon.net, WITHIN 24 HOURS of their team’s scheduled game time.~~
11. **If injury or illness occurs**, it must be logged on the official score sheet and the manager must submit a written report, via email, to a member of the **District Staff** (Pamela White, Sam McDonald, and Beth Swartz) **within 24 hours**.

12. **In case of an ejection or protest, managers and all umpires** must submit an incident report via email to a member of the **District Staff within 24 hours. The District Staff will meet** remotely in a timely manner to resolve the incident or protest.
13. Each team will supply one (1) new neon-yellow 12-inch softball for each game, more if necessary. Remaining softballs will be distributed evenly to each team at the end of the game.
14. The **host league** will be responsible for field preparation.
15. Each team will ELECTRONICALLY submit approved regular season rosters (to include all approved managers and coaches), to Pamela White (pwhite02@msn.com). Your league President may submit a copy of the 2021 roster spreadsheet.
16. Managers and coaches will not participate in warming up the players before or during the game.
17. Recording devices will not be allowed to be used to record any part of any game without prior approval of the District Administrator.
18. Games may begin and continue play with [8] players on a team. Teams will not be charged an out for the 9th player and will skip over the ninth position without penalty.
19. For the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th innings, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever occurs first. After the 4th inning, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs.
20. **TIME LIMIT:** No new inning will begin after two (2) hours. If an inning begins **prior** to the time limit, that inning will be completed. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire. Game ending by time limit will count as a regulation game for the 2022 season. **NOTE: In the event of a tie**, the game will stand and will not be broken at a later date. Each team will be awarded ½ point.
21. **Substitutions (Rule 3.03)** will apply.
22. **DOUBLEHEADERS:** Games will not exceed five (5) innings. There will be a thirty (30) minute break between games, with the second (2nd) game starting when the umpire announces "Play Ball". **Mandatory play (Regulation IV (i)) is in effect.**
23. **15-RUN RULE: SINGLE SCHEDULED GAMES ONLY:** A fifteen (15) run mercy rule will be in effect at the end of a regulation game. If after four (4) innings, three and one-half (3 ½) if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

24. There will be a **“no-game”** called if the game cannot begin fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time. All **“no-games”** will be referred to the **District Staff** (Pamela White, Sam McDonald, or Beth Swartz).
25. **ABILITY TO FIELD A TEAM:** Managers will notify their league representative, who will in turn notify either Pamela White, Sam McDonald, or Beth Swartz, at the first indication that they cannot field a team for any of their scheduled games **at least thirty (30) hours prior to the scheduled game start time. NOTE: Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the game and/or suspension of the manager by the District Staff.**
26. Make up games, if there is time during the regular season, may only be scheduled by the **District Staff**, not to exclude Sundays. Games will be made up at the first available time and field.
27. Any amendments to these **“Junior / Senior By-Laws”** must be reviewed by the **“Softball Interleague”** Committee and will require a majority vote to be adopted.
28. ONLY the **District Staff** (Pamela White, Sam McDonald, and Beth Swartz) will handle all protests and any disciplinary action that must be taken.
- The ejection of a player, manager or coach will result in an **automatic** and a **mandatory** minimum one (1) game suspension. **The suspended manager, coach, or player may NOT be present at the next physically played game and will not be able to participate in interleague play until their one-game penalty has been served.** All ejections will be reviewed by the **District Staff** and if it is a repeated offense, a more severe penalty may be applied.
 - Any physical or verbal altercation between player, manager, coach, umpire, or spectator will require disciplinary action, not to exclude expulsion from the Softball Interleague.
29. Failure to comply with any Junior/Senior Little League Rules/Regulations or the listed Softball Interleague Teen By-Laws will be subject to review and possible disciplinary action by the **District Staff**.

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